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BOARD OF EDUCATION

HELD ITS ORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY NIGHT.Thomas Oakes Re-elected President
—Standing Committees Appointed—
The Problem of More School Rooms.

The Board of Education met Monday night and organized by electing Thomas Oakes, president; Dr. William R. Broughton, vice-president, a new position created by the school law; William A. Baldwin, clerk. President Oakes appointed the following committees: Finance and supplies, Baldwin and Kocher; Instruction, Broughton and Stone; maintenance, Vogelius and Ellor; buildings, Martin and Bedell.

J. S. Cramer, construction agent of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, who lives in Essex avenue, asked permission to erect poles along the school property in that the roughfare to enable him to place a phone in his house. Mr. Kramer said that as the electric light company would not allow his cooperator to put wires on light poles, owing to the recent fatality to linemen, the only way he could get the phone was by erecting the poles. The board referred the matter to the Maintenance Committee.

"That means it is all over with a telephone for me, doesn't it?" inquired Mr. Cramer.

The members smiled and Commissioner Ellor remarked that it was really consoling to think corporations could not have things just as they pleased.

Dr. Broughton and Mr. Oakes were named to represent the School Board in the Board of Estimate, which meets in May or possibly earlier and fixes the amount to be placed in the local tax levy for school purposes.

Public school maintenance will be an important item of consideration this year in making up the financial budget. It is likely there will be an imperative demand for at least four new teachers, and a considerable increase in the school enrollment means a corresponding increase in the supplies account.

In the Fairview School district, where a large number of houses are being erected, there is trouble now in providing for the children that should attend the Fairview School, and transfers of pupils from that school to other schools have recently been made.

Berkeley and Wataessing school-houses have nearly reached the limit of their capacity and more new houses in these districts will bring the Board of Education to a position where an enlargement of school houses must be made.

The establishment of the Italian School in the Silver Lake district brought temporary relief to Berkeley. The Italian School, as it is called, has proved a success. There is a good attendance at the school and the pupils are making fine progress.

The building boom in the Second Ward is having an effect at the Brookside School and there will likely be a demand for more school room in that ward before long.

Empire Theatre

Any one who is fond of the theatre and its best plays—plays which are clean, wholesome, splendidly acted, that send one away after the performance with a feeling of happiness and exaltation—will be very sorry if they fail to see Henry E. Dixey in "The Man on the Box," at the Empire Theatre, Newark, next week, January 15, for this is one of those rare, in fact, almost unknown, theatrical productions. With a record of 123 nights at the Madison Square Theatre, New York, which left last week, acted by the identical original company, which scored that great run, and with every particle of scenery and properties which gave it the title of the best staged and best acted production in New York, Walter L. Lawrence, its manager, is certainly entitled to the consideration and thanks of every local playgoer. Dramatized from Harold McGrath's famous novel of that title, "The Man on the Box" is a witty, funny comedy, written around one of the sweetest, cleanest love stories which have ever been presented on a theatrical stage, while the excellence of its cast, selected, as each member was, for some special individual fitness for his or her role, makes witnessing one of its performances a delightful lesson in the art of acting in its highest development. Matinées Wednesday and Saturday.

Guild Lecture

The First Church Guild will have the pleasure of listening Monday evening to Mr. Evelyn B. Baldwin tell of his experiences of the "Search for the North Pole or Life in the Great White World." Mr. Baldwin was the organizer and leader of the Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition and was also with Lieutenant Peary on one of his expeditions.

An Incendiary Fire.

A combination stable and dwelling on the State street front of the premises of ex-Judge Amzi Dodd was destroyed by fire about three o'clock on Wednesday morning. Walter Ford (colored) and his wife, who are both in the employ of the Dodd family, had living rooms on the second floor of the building, and narrowly escaped death from suffocation. Mr. Ford awoke about three o'clock in the morning. He discovered that the rooms were filled with smoke. He aroused his wife and then ran down stairs. He found a blaze in progress in the southeast corner of the ground floor of the building. He immediately caused a cry of fire, and after getting his wife out of the building he ran to send in an alarm. A policeman heard the cry of fire and turned in an alarm from box 35. The companies from the central fire house made a quick response.

The building was damaged to the extent of about \$1,000, and the Ford family lost considerable in damage to their personal belongings. Mr. Dodd highly appreciated the work of the firemen, and a card of thanks from him to the firemen is published in this issue of the CITIZEN.

There seems to be no doubt at all but what the fire was of an incendiary origin, and a reward of \$200 is offered for the conviction of the guilty party.

A terrier dog named "Gyp," and highly prized by the members of the family, was suffocated in the burning building.

Killed on the Railroads.

John Huff, a laborer employed at the Sprague Electric Works, and residing in a rear house on Henry street, was killed on the Lackawanna Railroad, near Second river, late Saturday night. He was run over by the after-midnight train, known as the milk train. The engineer of the train says that the man was lying on the track. The body was horribly mutilated, and Policeman Blum gathered up part of the corpse with a shovel.

Huff had been drinking all day Sunday. He spent part of the day in Silver Lake. About four o'clock Sunday afternoon he was in a Wataessing saloon. It was after midnight when he left a friend's house in Glenwood avenue to go home. On Glenwood avenue he met a man with whom he worked in the factory, and the two men started for Wataessing. It is surmised that Huff was on his way home from that place and fell on the railroad track, and was so drunk that he could not get up. Huff leaves a widow and five small children.

Catholic Lyceum Officers.

The Bloomfield Catholic Lyceum officers were installed Monday night, after which President Dunn made the following appointments: Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, John A. Moran, Grover T. Caffrey and Joseph F. Drudy; member of the board of directors, Edward J. Moran; committee on base-ball, Jeremiah Davis (manager), James Riley, Edward Gruber, Edward J. Moran, John Flannery and John A. Moran; press, Joseph A. Gannon and Edward J. Moran; athletics, William Nolan and John Fischert. John Moran, J. Flannery, Edward Gruber, P. Gannon and Michael Drudy were named to make arrangements for bowling and shuffleboard contests with the Orange Valley Lyceum. A encrue under the auspices of the lyceum will be held January 25.

Hebrew Synagogue.

Glen Ridge is to have a new church or Hebrew synagogue, if the present plans of the Congregation Shomar Amuno of Bloomfield and Montclair are carried out. At a meeting held Sunday afternoon the following members were appointed a committee to secure a lot for the purpose of erecting a synagogue thereon: David Shapiro, Max Moses, Nathan Kuhnert and Isaac Samuel of Bloomfield, and Philip Abrams of Montclair. The congregation was organized but a short time ago, and since then has made rapid strides forward. The cost of the ground and building, it is estimated, will be about \$4,000. It is not known just where the new synagogue will be located, but the site most favored is on Bloomfield avenue, not far from Ridgewood avenue.

Savings Bank Statement.

The Bloomfield Savings Institution has issued its statement for January first, showing list of its assets and liabilities, which may be found in another column. The growth in deposits and depositors for the past two years is shown by their statement to be as follows:

Depositors Depositors
January 1, 1904. 1,375 \$308,444.05
January 1, 1905. 1,463 409,768.57
July 1, 1905. 1,685 454,783.52
January 1, 1906. 1,861 504,005.60

Bank Directors Elected.

The Bloomfield National Bank elected these directors on Tuesday afternoon: Thomas Oakes, G. Lee Stout, James Beach, Wm. A. Baldwin, David Oakes, Henry P. Dodd, Lewis K. Dodd, George A. Oakes and Edward G. Ward. William Colfax and Leonard Richards were not re-elected. The directors met Friday afternoon for organization.

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Held Its First Regular Session for 1906 Monday Night—Change in Official Headquarters Discussed—Borough May Have Electric Light.

The first regular business meeting of the Glen Ridge Borough Council for the current year was held Monday night, and a proposition of the Glen Ridge Library Association to lease the lower floor of Glen Ridge Hall to the borough for official purposes was a chief topic of discussion.

Councilman White submitted the proposition and said that if it was accepted, the library association would throw open the library to the public, thereby making it a free institution. In order to carry out the scheme the library trustees, who at present rent one large room in the hall, propose to lease two more rooms, paying \$600 a year for the three, and then sublet two of them to the borough for \$1,000, thereby adding \$400 yearly to the library treasury. It was this part of the proposition that brought out the objections.

Councilman Knight said that he had understood that the Glen Ridge Hall trustees had offered to rent the premises in question to a druggist for \$600 a year, and he thought it would be unwise for the borough to pay \$1,000 for something that could be obtained for \$600.

As to the free library, which he declared would virtually cost \$400 a year, Mr. White said that the proposition was of a man who sometimes leased and sometimes advised the young apprentice were the late James Moore of Hendricks' Copper Works, David Oakes (founder of Thomas Oakes & Co.), Samuel Benson (then with Meff's rolling mill), and "King" Crane of Bloomfield avenue.

In 1869 Mr. Dodd associated with A. N. Baldwin in the wagon-making business. Louis Herring did the woodwork and Mr. Dodd the blacksmith work. Some men working for A. N. Baldwin at that time were James Crisp (now in the belting business), Joseph R. Husby, John Donnelly, Jared Sigler and Mr. Baldwin's son John, afterwards a partner in the business.

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In January, 1882, Bloomfield suffered a disastrous fire, in which Mr. Dodd's factory and a dwelling house on the south of it and two dwellings on the north of it were completely destroyed. The town was without fire protection of any kind at that time, and this fire led to the formation of the present volunteer fire department.

Among Mr. Dodd's most sympathetic friends at the time of the fire calamity was John G. Keyler. Both men were agreed that some steps should be taken towards providing some kind of fire protection in the town. The Orange Water Company had just started its plant at that time, and wonderful stories were extant about the water pressure exhibitions at the company's wells in Grove street. Mr. Dodd and Mr. Keyler decided to visit the water works and did so, and they were well pleased. They gave an account of their visit at the next meeting of the Village Improvement Association, of which Mr. Dodd was president. The association took the matter up, and an excursion to the water works was proposed. James C. Beach offered to provide two carriages for the party. Amzi Dodd, R. N. Dodd, Henry B. Sheldon, Dr. Joseph A. Davis, N. H. Dodd and others offered carriages, and Wataessing station was made the starting point. From there the procession started for the water works, where the visitors were received by the officers of the water company. The result of the visit was that President Shepherd of the water company and Joseph L. Mann were invited to attend a meeting of the Village Improvement Association to talk over plans for supplying Bloomfield with water. The Archdeacon hotel fire in March, 1883, gave an impetus to the plan under consideration, and the Orange Water Company soon had pipes in some of the town streets.

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Church Services.

A quarterly union prayer service was led by Dr. Charles S. Woodruff in the First Baptist Church Wednesday night.

Others who took part were the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Boardman, Franklin Wells and David G. Garabrant.

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Settlement Work.

It is expected that early in February Miss Marvin, who has been a resident worker in Union Settlement, New York city, for several years, will speak in the parishes of Westminster Church on some phases of the work there. Union Settlement is on the upper East Side, and it is from this settlement that a party of little girls has been brought out to Bloomfield for a day in the country during the past two summers.

Golf from a Building.

James Cockefair, a carpenter, is confined to his home in Lakewood terrace

suffering from injuries sustained by a fall from a building being erected in Williamsburg avenue by William R. Raab for Miss St. James. Mr. Cockefair fell about thirty feet. It is not known how the accident happened.

Illustrated Lecture.

"Holand and the Rhine" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture to be given in the rooms of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, F. and A. M., next Wednesday evening by Charles F. Kocher, when the lodge will hold a social session. In addition to the lecture there will be vocal and instrumental music. A large attendance of members is desired.

N. HARVEY DODD

Has Sold His Property and Retired from Business—For Sixty Years a Wagon-Maker in this Town—Some Incidents in His Long Business Career.

N. Harvey Dodd, well known throughout Essex county as a wagon and carriage builder, has retired from business, and he has sold the land and buildings where he has carried on business since 1867 to the Torpensee Motor Car Company.

As an apprentice, journeyman and manufacturer Mr. Dodd spent sixty years in the vehicle-building trade here in Bloomfield.

When sixteen years old Mr. Dodd started as an apprentice with the firm of Baldwin & Ball, wheelwrights and general machinists, and located where Decker's livery stables now stand.

Among the men who sometimes teased and sometimes advised the young apprentice were the late James Moore of Hendricks' Copper Works, David Oakes (founder of Thomas Oakes & Co.), Samuel Benson (then with Meff's rolling mill), and "King" Crane of Bloomfield avenue.

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